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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS ON JULY 4 ADMONISHED THE LOCAL PRESS FOR ITS REPORTING ON GREEK-NATO DEVELOPMENTS. RALLIS STATED, "I AM OBLIGED TO ASK THE PRESS TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS IN PUBLISHING REPORTS THAT DO NOT EMANATE FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES, FOR INACCURATE ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE PUBLIC MAKES THE HANDLING OF THE COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY DIFFICULT."

2. PRO-GOVERNMENT KATHIMERINI'S JULY 2 ARTICLE ON GOG FRUSTRATIONS OVER THE PACE OF NEGOTIATION FOR A "SPECIAL  
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RELATIONSHIP" WITH NATO (REFTEL) WAS FOLLOWED ON JULY 3 AND 4 BY A SPATE OF STORIES IN OTHER DAILIES ON GREECE'S RELATIONS WITH HER NATO ALLIES. THE LATEST REPORTING HIGHLIGHTED AN ALLEGED MEMORANDUM SENT BY THE GOT TO NATO IN WHICH THE TURKS LIST TWENTY UNRESOLVED ISSUES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY (INCLUDING CONTROL OF THE AEGEAN), AND THAT ANKARA WOULD BLOCK GREECE'S REINTEGRATION UNLESS SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS WERE FOUND. ACCORDING

TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) BULLETIN, AN INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED TURKISH MEMORANDUM WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY 3 ISSUE OF THE TURKISH DAILY TERCUMAN.

3. "PRESS CIRCLES" IN ATHENS STRESSED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ISSUE WAS BASED ON PROPAGANDA REPORTS IN THE TURKISH PRESS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC SHOULD ATTACH NO IMPORTANCE. REFERRING TO THE KATHIMERINI ARTICLE, "DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS" WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE NEWSPAPER WAS STATING ITS OWN VIEWS.

4. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF RALLIS' PUBLIC ADMONISHMENT AND ATTEMPTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DELINK THE GOG FROM THE REPORTING ON NATO-GREEK RELATIONS, OUR OWN PRESS CONTACTS MAINTAIN THAT THEIR ACCOUNTS ARE BASED ON IMPECCABLE HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT SOURCES. THE UNHAPPINESS EXPRESSED IN THE PRESS AT THE DIRECTION THE NEGOTIATIONS ON GREEK-NATO RELATIONS ARE HEADED MAY HAVE BEEN JUST A CLUMSY ATTEMPT AT GAMESMANSHIP BY ONE OR MORE SENIOR GOVERNMENT FIGURES. WHILE THE GREEKS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT TURKISH EFFORTS TO BLOCK THE "SPECIAL" NATO RELATIONSHIP, THE GOG UNDER KARAMANLIS REMAINS FIRMLY ANCHORED IN THE WEST AND DEDICATED TO GREECE'S INCORPORATION INTO ITS INSTITUTIONS.

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